

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Dexter Porter

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CASE NO.

PC2008-0022

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission), pursuant to a Probable Cause investigation alleging violations of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). Dexter Porter (Respondent) waived his right to a preliminary hearing and now agrees to resolve this matter by way of Consent Order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In 2006, Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, District 84. Respondent admits that he committed the following violations of the Ethics in Government Act. First, Respondent failed to timely file five Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports (CCDRs) with the Commission, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c). These CCDRs were due on March 31, June 30, September 30, October 25 and December 31, 2006, but were not filed until March 2008. Second, Respondent failed to file copies of these five CCDRs with his local filing officer, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(1)(A). Third, Respondent owes \$675 in late filing fees. Fourth, Respondent failed to timely file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFDS) covering calendar year 2005, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(1). Finally, Respondent failed to disclose a real property interest in excess of \$10,000 on the 2005 PFDS that he filed with the Commission on March 4, 2008, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(b)(4)(A).

Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a total civil penalty of \$3,750 on the following payment schedule. Respondent shall pay \$175 to the Commission no later than the fifth day of each of the 25 calendar months following the date of this Consent Order. The civil penalty must be paid out of Respondent's personal funds and not those of his campaign. In the event that Respondent makes a prepayment in excess of the scheduled amount required herein, Respondent may deduct the excess amount of the prepayment from the amount owed on any subsequent monthly payment(s), provided, however, that at all times Respondent's total amount due is consistent with the payment plan schedule herein described. All checks must be made out to the "State Ethics Commission." If Respondent fails to keep current with the payment plan schedule described herein, the Commission may demand immediate payment of the entire remaining balance due. In addition, Respondent shall pay all late fees accrued within six calendar months of the date of this Consent Order. Finally, Respondent shall file copies of all required CCDRs with his local filing officer and shall amend his 2005 PFDS to list his real property interest in excess of \$10,000 within 30 days of the date of this Consent Order. Respondent is further ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions that violate the Act.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Order Respondent waives any right to an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A.

§ 50-13 et seq. Failure to comply with the terms herein absent good faith attempts to comply will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by the Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. The parties agree that all costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in an enforcement action shall be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

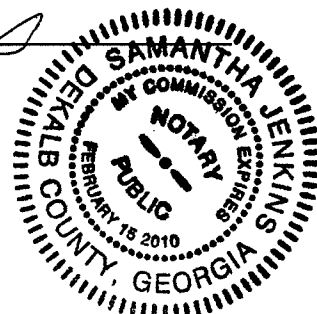
The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Signatures attested to on this 26 day
of Aug, 2008.

By: Samantha Jenkins

RESPONDENT

Dexter Porter
Dexter Porter



SO ORDERED this 4th day of December, 2008.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: William H. Jordan
William H. Jordan
Chairman

Prepared by: Tom Plank
Tom Plank
Commission Attorney